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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Douglas, on Mouday, the sixteenth day of March, inst., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, including an Agent and three Appraisers on the Devise of Moses Wallis to the inhabitants of Douglas; three School Committee for three years each; two Trustees of the Public Library for three years each; and one Road Commissioners for three years.

ART. 3.—To hear the report of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

ART. 4.—To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Poor, of Schools, for repairing School Houses, repairing Highways and Bridges and for payment of Debts and Contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote passed at the annual March meeting of 1883, under Article 19 of the Warrant of said meeting, whereby the Town voted to accept the provisions of the Statutes, and that we repair the Highways, Townways and Bridges the ensuing year by choosing three Road Commissioners.

ART. 6.—To determine the manner of repairing Highways, Townways, and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 7.—To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes for 1885, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest ; also to see if the Town will vote to allow interest on all taxes paid before said time and fix the rate thereof.

ART. 8.—To see if the Town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when collector.

ART. 9.—To determine the time when the Poll and other Taxes shall be collected.

ART. 10.—To act on the list of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for paying current expenses when there is a deficiency in the treasury, with the approval of the Selectmen.

ART. 12.—To see what use the Town will make of the Dog Fund (so called), the ensuing year.

ART. 13.—Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the ensuing year.

ART. 14.—To see what action the Town will take in regard to a claim for injuries and damage received by C. F. Rawson and team on account of alleged defect and obstruction in the Townway on Pleasant St. near the Parley Gould place (so called) Oct. 15, 1884.

ART. 15.—To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will make a special appropriation for repairing the East Douglas Depot Road (so called).

ART. 17.—To see what number the acting Superintending School Committee shall consist the ensuing year.

ART. 18.—To see what compensation the Superintending School Committee shall receive, including the enumeration of scholars the ensuing year.

ART. 19.—To see if the Town will vote an appropriation of One Hundred Dollars to Grand Army Post, No. 137, for Memorial day purposes for the current year.

ART. 20.—To see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of Eight Dollars each, for their services the ensuing year ; no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year ending April 1, 1886, and all fines

due said Company to be deducted from said amount; the above named sum to be drawn on the order of the Foreman of the Company.

ART. 21.—To see if the Town will appropriate and expend any part of the money which may be received for Licenses the current year to improve the sidewalks and laying and maintaining Street Crossings on Main street in the village of East Douglas.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to hold all future Town Meetings in some suitable place in the village of East Douglas, and make all suitable arrangements to carry the same into effect.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Meeting House in Douglas Center, and at the Tavern House of William Jepherson, so called, in South Douglas, ten days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

EDWIN MOORE, } Selectmen
GEO. H. WALKER, } of
ORRIN CHASE, } Douglas.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1884

For High School,	-	-	\$900 00
Common Schools,	-	-	3,000 00
Highways and Bridges,	-	-	1,800 00
Depot Road,	-	-	200 00
Contingent Expenses,	-	-	2,100 00
Repairing School Houses,	-	-	500 00
Debts and Interest,	-	-	4,000 00
Support of Poor,	-	-	2,500 00
			<hr/> \$15,000 00



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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The selectmen of Douglas would herewith respectfully submit their report of the expenses of the town, for the year ending February 28, 1885.

376 orders have been drawn on the Treasurer of the Town to the amount of \$13,932.11 for the following purposes:

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES
chargeable to contingent appropriation.

TOWN CLERK.

T. H. Meek, services,	\$42.85, expenses,	\$14.23	\$57 08
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TREASURER.

George Abbott, services and expenses,	\$80 00
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SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Edwin Moore,	-	-	\$125 00
George H. Walker.	-	-	50 00
Arthur L. Taft,	-	-	15 00
Collins Chase,	-	-	12 00
Jesse Cease,	-	-	7 50
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			\$209 50

ASSESSORS.

Brigham Morse, services and expenses,	-	\$70 00
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Edwin Moore, services and expenses,	-	\$80 00
George Abbott, "	-	75 00
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		\$225 00

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.

Edwin C. Esten, 1884,	-	-	\$11 33
C. S. Caswell, 1884,	-	-	11 11
do do 1885,	-	-	22 22
N. W. Preston,	-	-	11 12
James Wells,	-	-	33 33
Stillman Russell,	-	-	33 33
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			\$122 44

CONSTABLES.

E. P. Heath, 1884,	-	-	\$11 04
do do 1885,	-	-	8 65
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			\$19 69

TAX COLLECTORS.

N. W. Preston,	-	-	\$50 00
A. F. Jones,	-	-	70 00
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			\$120 00

TOWN SEALER.

M. M. Luther, 1884,	-	-	\$10 00
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SEXTON.

Edward Balcome,	-	-	\$27 00
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LOCK-UP EXPENSES.

C. Emmons, care and food for tramps,	-	\$124 82
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Joseph Bowen, for Mattresses,	-	\$11 41
V. M. Aldrich, stove, pipe, brushes, lock &c,	-	11 51
G. H. Walker, quilts &c.,	-	4 70
A. F. Jones, wood,	-	18 75
B. A. Stockwell, repairs,	-	1 50
Cleaning and whitewashing,	-	5 00
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		\$177 69

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid members, per vote of the town,	-	\$69 00
G. L. Simpson, care of Engine and Hall,	-	10 00
Street Lamp for Engine House,	-	6 00
Repairs on Engine and Hall,	-	32 30
Wood and coal,	-	4 00
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		\$121 30

PRINTING.

C. J. Batcheller, Town Reports, -	-	\$64 50
School blanks, &c., -	-	20 25
Envelopes and printing for Registrars,	-	10 85
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		\$95 60

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Insurance on School House, No. 8,	-	\$10 00
“ “ “ “ 9,	-	16 38
“ “ “ “ 10,	-	10 90
Repairs on school houses,	-	604 14
Road Tools,	-	17 64
Repairing Scraper and road tools,	-	15 50
Storing and repairing road machine,	-	5 25
Stationery and postage,	-	1 56
Mowing cemetery,	-	6 00
Repairs on Watering Trough,	-	2 00
J. B. Sweet, maintaining watering trough,	-	5 00
Moving Town law library,	-	50
Witnesses and constable fees in M. Roberts' case,	-	80 52

Coal for Selectmens' office,	-	-	\$3 00
Freight on castings,	-	-	1 50
E. Moore, travelling expenses on account of paupers		-	14 35
Grand Army Post, No. 137, for Memorial Day,		-	100 00
W. E. Hayward & Co., abatement of tax for 1883,		-	237 17
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			\$1,131 41

MILITARY AID.

[Chap. 252.]

Sylvester Chase,	-	-	\$38 00
Charles F. Balcome,	-	-	48 00
Gilbert L. Jillson,	-	-	48 00
Henry C. Lamson,	-	-	5 00
Charles C. Walls,	-	-	144 00
Cornelius Emmons,	-	-	100 00
Samuel Craggin,	-	-	72 00
E. A. Buxton,	-	-	48 00
William S. Reynolds,	-	-	46 00
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			\$549 00

MILITARY AID.

[Chap. 301.]

Theron H. Barton,	-	-	\$48 00
Lemuel C. Belding,	-	-	72 00
Alfred Snow,	-	-	40 00
Arena E. Chapman,	-	-	48 00
Lucina P. Sibley,	-	-	48 00
George F. Marcy,	-	-	16 00
Wellington Balcome and wife,	-	-	78 00
Dorris B. Young,	-	-	48 00
Henry C. Lamson,	-	-	12 00
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			\$410 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

George Abbott, repairing culvert, 1883,	\$15 25
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Jos. Hall, labor 1883,	-	-	\$14 00
Phebe Keith, for gravel,	-	-	15 00
Road Commissioners,	-	-	2,527 09
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			\$2,571 34

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

High School,	-	-	\$741 35
Grammar School,	-	-	355 50
School No. 1,	-	-	430 60
" " 2,	-	-	244 01
" " 3,	-	-	237 70
" " 4,	-	-	255 88
" " 7,	-	-	245 70
" " 8,	-	-	285 26
" " 9,	-	-	562 98
" " 10,	-	-	525 50
V. M. Aldrich, school supplies,	-	-	16 17
Stillman Russell, " "	-	-	40 64
N. W. Preston, " "	-	-	6 33
Joseph Bowen, " "	-	-	1 93
Stillman Russell, school books,	-	-	536 95
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			\$4,486 50

MAKING SNOW ROADS.

Under direction of Road Commissioners, 1884,		\$240 06
" " " " 1885,		9 05
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		\$249 11

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

A. J. Thayer, hay, -	-	\$31 66
George D. Adams, Superintendent to date,	-	366 67
V. M. Aldrich, supplies,	-	61 58
Geo. H. Walker, "	-	20 48
Dr. Levi White, medical attendance,	-	23 25
Jesse Chase, balance on oxen,	-	43 75
H. Sherman, hay,	-	65 47

Joseph Bowen, coffin for Andrew Gould,	-	\$10 00
do do " Mrs. M. Raferty,	-	10 00
Geo. D. Adams, supplies,	-	33 04
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		\$665 90

STATE PAUPERS.

John McLaughlin and family,	-	\$38 38
Stuart Somerville,	-	3 00
Charles Gravelin and wife,	-	76 00
Alfreda Pulls,	-	32 00
August Carlson,	-	28 38
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		\$177 76

PAUPERS AWAY FROM ALMSHOUSE.

Frank Cary and family,	-	\$16 00
Ezra Mayette and family,	-	9 78
Mrs. James McCormick and family,	-	140 70
Joseph E. Morse,	-	56 00
Fanny J. Balcome,	-	48 00
Peter Hughes and family,	-	146 00
Hiram Johnson for daughter,	-	52 00
Rosanna Conley,	-	61 00
Mrs. Alfred Duprey and family,	-	158 00
" Henry St. John " "	-	44 00
" Marcena Mackintyre,	-	9 00
Evelina Sprague,	-	100 00
Mrs. Michael Martin and family,	-	224 00
Oliver Allen and wife,	-	68 00
Julius Gould,	-	209 00
Syra Jepherson son,	-	10 80
Chas. H. Balcome,	-	189 77
William S. Reynolds and family,	-	16 60
Willard M. Taft, " "	-	76 61
Felix Lemeraux " "	-	85 67
Mrs. Albert Allen " "	-	42 00
" Frank Prue, " "	-	43 72
" Morris O'Brine, " "	-	36 00
" Matilda Jarvis, " "	-	58 00

Mrs. Joseph Lovely and family,	-	\$123 15
“ John McLaughlin and family,	-	50 59
Oliver Allen, Jr. and family,	-	58 10
Willard Alger “ “	-	30 00
Joseph Laport “ “	-	70 00
Napoleon Godboe and family,	-	97 25
Mrs. Reuben Green	-	31 00
Gardner Nickerson, and family,	-	8 30
Charles Coleback “ “	-	8 00
George Casey “ “	-	27 00
Mrs. E. Emerson,	-	10 00
Alex Foster and family,	-	4 75
David Kenney and family.	-	6 00
Frank Chase “ “	-	1 00
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		\$2,425 79

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous Expenses,	-	\$2,396 71
Military Aid, (Chap. 252.)	-	549 00
Military Aid, (Chap. 301.)	-	410 00
Highways and Bridges,	-	2,571 34
High, Grammar and Common Schools,	-	4,486 50
Making Snow Roads,	-	249 11
Paupers Away from Almshouse,	-	2,425 79
Almshouse Expenses,	-	665 90
State Paupers,	-	177 76
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		\$13,932 11

EDWIN MOORE, } Selectmen
 GEO. H. WALKER, } of
 ORRIN CHASE, } Douglas.

B. W. Aldrich, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Selectmen further report they have settled with the Treasurer, and his account stands as follows:

GEORGE ABBOTT TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

1884.		DR.
March 1.	Cash in Treasury,	\$248 59
" 29.	Received of E. H. Morse Auctioneer's license,	2 00
" 29.	Cash borrowed of M. M. Luther,	200 00
" 31.	" " Whitinsville National Bank.	1,000 00
Apr. 21.	" " Clara R. Lawton,	1,450 00
May 5.	" received for Druggist license, No. 1,	1 00
" 6.	" of State Treasurer, for State Paupers,	48 44
" 14.	" Druggist license, No. 2,	1 00
" 26.	" borrowed of Hannah M. Abbott,	2,000 00
" 26.	" " Edwin Moore,	700 00
" 26.	" " James M. Luke,	300 00
June 2.	" received of school district No. 9,	68 24
" 5.	" borrowed of E. Moore,	1,300 00
" 12.	" C. B. Stearns,	1,200 00
" 12.	" Mary A. Stearns,	500 00
" 17.	" E. Moore,	500 00
July 11.	" received of Edward Adams, for tuition	6 00
Aug. 1.	" borrowed of William Abbott,	500 00
" 5.	" received of State Treasurer, for sup- port of State Paupers,	127 86
" 5.	" of State Treasurer, for tem- porary support of State Paupers,	5 00

Aug. 5.	Cash received for burial of State Paupers,	\$10 00
Nov. 1.	" " of Retus Walling,	16
" 2.	" " City of Fall River,	162 85
Dec. 1.	" " State Treasurer, for Corporation tax,	39 22
" 1.	" " State Treasurer, for Nat'l Bank tax,	160 00
" 1.	" " State Treasurer, State Aid Acts 79, Chap. 301,	471 00
" 1.	" " State Treasurer, State Aid Acts 79, Chap. 252.	321 00
" 19.	" " Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,	74 00
" 19.	" " County Treasurer, for Dog fund,	188 56
1885.		
Jan. 24.	" " State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	62 42
" 24.	" " State Treasurer, support of State Paupers,	4 00
" 24.	" " State Treasurer, burial of State Paupers,	10 00
" 24.	" " State Treasurer, for income of School fund,	182 84
Feb. 21.	" " John Hilton,	7 92
" 21.	" " Town of Sutton,	5 50
" 28.	" " Carrie Davis, for tuition,	6 00
" 28.	" " A. F. Brown, Auctioneer's license,	2 00
		<hr/> \$29,890 36

GEORGE ABBOTT, TREASURER.

1884.	CR.
Mar. 25.	Paid John M. Rawson, Treasurer Town Library,
" 31.	William Abbott, town note and interest,
May 26.	William Chase, town note and interest,
June 5.	Edwin Moore, town note and interest,
" 17.	John Hutchinson, interest on town note,

June	30.	Paid Mary Walker, interest on town note,	\$17	66
"	30.	" Sarah Richardson, interest on town note,	31	63
Aug.	2.	" Salem Savings Bank, principal on town note,	2,000	00
"	2.	" Salem Savings Bank, interest on town note,	120	00
"	11.	" Northbridge, for tax,	2	23
Sept.	1.	" William Abbott, town note and interest,	502	50
Nov.	1.	" Retus Walling, interest on town note	65	70
"	1.	" Suel Logee, " " " "	120	00
"	3.	" Whitinsville Bank, note and interest,	1,026	63
"	14.	" County tax,	758	00
Dec.	1.	" Hannah M. Abbott, note and interest	2,061	66
"	1.	" C. B. Stearns, note and interest,	1,228	16
"	1.	" M. A. Stearns,	511	74
"	3.	" State tax,	1,240	00
"	8.	" John Hutchinson, note and interest,	615	00
1885.				
Jan.	9.	" Inhabitants of Douglas tax,	22	49
"	31.	" Salem Savings Bank, interest on town note,	60	00
Feb.	17.	" Daniel A. Gleason, one-fourth part received for liquor license,	50	
"	24.	" J. C. Morrill, abatement of tax,	1	92
"	24.	" Sundry abatements of tax,	127	18
"	28.	" Henry D. Wallis, interest on note,	30	00
"	28.	" Sundry abatements of tax,	11	29
"	28.	" balance discount allowed on taxes,	19	91
"	28.	" 376 orders of Selectmen,	13,932	11
"	28.	" Cash in treasury,	1,175	46
				\$29,390 36

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE ABBOTT, Treasurer.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to Salem Savings Bank,	-	-	\$2,000 00
Mary Walker,	-	-	353 21
Retus Walling,	-	-	1,095 00
Henry D. Wallis,	-	-	600 00
Albert Butler,	-	-	700 00
Sarah Richardson,	-	-	632 68
M. M. Luther,	-	-	200 00
Clara R. Lawton,	-	-	1,450 00
Edwin Moore, 3 notes,	-	-	2,500 00
James M. Luke,	-	-	300 00
Suel Logee,	-	-	2,000 00
Interest on above notes, about	-	-	393 00
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Deduct Assets of the Town,			\$12,223 89
			8,725 95
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Showing a balance against the town of			\$3,497 94

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from State, for Military Aid, (Chap. 252)	\$322 50
" " " (Chap. 301)	498 00
" Support of State Paupers,	168 46
Town of Sutton, support of paupers.	9 78
" Northbridge "	6 00
D. Darling, for damage, to lock-up,	10 75
Three bush scrapers, shovels and picks,	70 00
Almshouse Establishment,	3,000 00
Personal Property at Almshouse,	1,755 25

Road Machine and tools,	\$150 00
New school books on hand,	159 75
Fire Engine Hose, &c.,	500 00
Engine Building,	900 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	1,175 46

	\$8,725 95

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1885.

GEORGE D. ADAMS, Superintendent.

DR.

To Personal Property at Almshouse, Mar. 1, 1884,	\$1,738 62
Paid A. J. Thayer, for hay,	31 66
Salary as Supt. to date,	366 67
V. M. Aldrich, for supplies,	61 58
George H. Walker, supplies,	20 48
Dr. Levi White, medical attendance,	23 25
Jesse Chase, balance on oxen,	43 75
H. Sherman, for hay,	65 47
Joseph Bowen, coffin for Andrew Gould,	10 00
do " Mts. M. Rafferty,	10 00
G. D. Adams, for supplies,	33 04
Interest on Almshouse Real Estate,	180 00
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	\$2,584 52

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By Personal Property on hand this date,	\$1,755 25
Cost of supporting paupers at Almshouse for the year, including interest of \$180.00 on real estate,	\$829 27
Exclusive of interest on Real Estate,	649 27

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Whole number of weeks board of paupers at Alms- house, including tramps,	449
Average cost per week, including interest,	\$1 85
“ “ “ “ exclusive of interest,	1 45

All of which is respectfully submitted,

EDWIN MOORE, } Overseers
GEO. H. WALKER, } of
ORRIN CHASE, } the Poor.

B. W. ALDRICH, Auditor.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The amount paid for men and teams, per day are as follows : For able bodied men, one dollar and fifty cents per day, or fifteen cents per hour ; for one man, horse and tip cart, \$2.75, for man, two horses and cart, \$3.50 ; for scraping, a man and four horses, from \$7. to \$8. per day ; for oxen per day, \$1.80 ; Commissioners per day, \$2.00.

Oscar Wade,	\$35 01.	Farnk Prue,	\$9 82
George Carrick,	8 70.	James Wixtead,	80 83
Frank Kenyon,	8 25.	George Casey,	50 89
Walter Parker,	7 00.	Frank Wellman,	38 68
Jacob Williams,	25 75.	Caleb Hill,	62 38
Frank Carroll.	37 05.	Charles Gardeen,	25 95
Frank Moore,	37 20.	Richard Laflo,	3 00
Ned Murphy,	18 92.	Hugh Johnson,	8 10
Rufus Johnson,	1 50.	Mr. Wight,	75
S. Rivers, drills & rods	2 87.	Alfred Parker,	7 50
Mrs. N. Jones, for team,	1 25.	Edwin Parker,	9 75
Warren E. Mowry,	4 50.	David Keith,	20 03
W. D. Jones.	1 50.	Lovel Parker,	6 75
George Bates,	4 50.	Daniel Tebor,	1 50
Henry Howard,	10 88.	Thomas Kelly's boy,	25
L. Dermody's boy,	55.	Daniel Harron,	9 38
Oliver Johnson,	7 12.	Joseph Howland.	3 42
Frank Baccomb,	9 15.	Clement Jarvis,	9 08
Wellington Balcome,	2 25.	W. Hutchinson,	7 00
M. McHenry.	9 50.	Gustavas Dudley, for	
Esten & Keith, blasting,	120 00.	himself. Siłas & boy	13 75
John Weeden,	4 58.	Nelson G. Dudley.	1 00
L. Stockwell,	60.	William Jillson,	1 50

Joseph Lambo,	3 15.	Michel Castigan,	4 05
John Fitzgerald,	4 05.	Timothy Wixtead,	4 05
George County,	4 05.	Joseph Laflo,	4 05
Mason Brown,	9 15.	Edward Young,	4 05
Curtis Bryant,	2 25.	A. F. Jones,	84 84
George Adams,	72 33.	A. J. Thayer,	53 88
Ed. Arnold,	57 45.	Sylvester Dunlap,	2 70
Suel Logee,	219 00.	O. C. Emerson,	70 73
Merrick Parker,	41 94.	Edgar Parker,	14 62
William Jillson,	1 50.	Joseph Richardson,	65 00
Luther Arnold,	12 00.	Willie Jones,	5 50
Joseph Vickers,	75.	Smith Vickers,	3 00
Earl Converse,	41 03.	Palmer Converse,	7 13
Leon Gould,	7 00.	Oliver Quivillion,	33 07
Samuel Craggin,	1 50.	Charles Buck,	52 63
Will Rixford,	313 55.	Samuel Laundry,	1 50
Michael Roberts,	8 25.	Willard Whipple,	39 81
Lorin Adams,	6 00.	G. Dudley, boards,	22 00
Windsor Brown, for rope,	5 41.	George Manahan,	13
Munroe Wallis, for caps,	75.	M. Woodman,	25
Frank McCormick,	27 83.		
Jesse Chase, for himself and team, Sewel Chase and team My-			
ron Chase and Alphonso Chase, as per bill,			262 72
Albert Butler, 92 1/4 days labor,	184 50		
" " team,	45 00—		229 50
Total expense,	-	-	\$2,529 09

We have expended over five-sixths of the money laid out the past year, on the roads leading to the out-skirts of the town. We have drilled over three hundred feet of rock, and blasted the same on the following roads: Providence Pike, the Boston & Hartford Pike, and the roads leading from the Centre, to the Oxford Pike, and the Nichols road, so called. We have removed over three thousand five hundred loads of gravel, in different sections of the town, including the Wallum Pond hill road, to the Rhode Island line.

The two past years under the present system, the town has expended on highways and bridges Two Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Two Dollars per year, and the four years previous to the present system, the town expended Twenty-nine Hundred and Forty Five Dollars, on an average, making the sum of Five Hundred and Twenty-Three Dollars less per year under the new system than the old. The tax

payers of the town can judge for themselves which system has rendered the greatest benefit to the highways in the town, according to the different sums expended.

JESSE CHASE,
SUEL LOGEE,
ALBERT BUTLER, } Road Commissioners
of Douglas.

REPORT
OF
A. F. JONES, AGENT
ON THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS
TO THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS.
FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1885.

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The Agent charges himself with cash and notes as follows :
1884.

March 1.	Notes due the Town,	\$13,718 00
	Accrued interest,	637 15
	Cash in hands of Agent,	155 10
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		\$14,510 25
March 4.	Interest on Albert Whipple note,	\$ 18 60
“ 6.	“ Phebe Keith “	6 00
“ 27.	“ Rufus P. Johnson “	24 00
April 1.	Principal and interest in part, Dennis Quinn note,	103 00
“ 26.	Interest on Mitchel Auger note	18 00
May 10.	Received on Lovell Southwick “	150 00
“ 20.	Interest on Wm. M. Putnam “	25 50
“ 21.	“ O. N. Thurber “	8 00
June 6.	Chandler Titus “	8 10

June	16.	Interest on Isaac Desotelle note,	\$15 00
"	19.	Philman Mercier "	30 00
July	7.	O. N. Thurber "	5 00
"	10.	Michael Roberts "	30 00
"	25.	Joseph Lebeaus "	15 00
Aug.	2.	T. M. Remington "	12 00
"	30.	Vesta H. Balcome "	24 00
Sept.	22.	Chas. F. Rawson "	12 00
Oct.	1.	Dennis Quinn "	24 00
"	8.	Potter M. Bates,	9 00
"	10.	Amable Signett "	24 00
"	11.	Matilda Rivers,	24 00
"	14.	O. N. Thurber "	3 00
"	15.	Chandler Titus "	20 40
Nov.	3.	Mary Briggs "	12 00
Dec.	1.	Chas. H. Hilton,	12 90
"	1.	" " note principal	200 00
"	3.	T. H. Barton "	24 00
"	3.	Louisa Jarvis "	6 00
"	8.	Dema A. Allen "	8 00

1885.

Jan.	5.	Principal and interest on Alfred Lebeau note,	214 17
"	12.	Principal Albert Whipple note	290 00
"	24.	Interest on Joel Glover "	12 00
Feb.	6.	Principal and interest on C. A. Stearns note,	352 23
"	17.	Interest on Mary J. Murphy note	30 00
"	19.	Principal and interest Phebe Keith note	105 70
"	20.	Interest on Patrick Dermody note	6 00
"	24.	" Phebe Young, "	30 00
"	26.	Mary J. Willis "	30 00
"	27.	Amos A. Humes, "	21 00
"	27.	Dema A. Allen. "	7 00

\$16,479 85

The Agent has loaned and paid out as follows :

1884	April	9.	Loaned Horace Batcheler,	\$250 00
			Paid for recording mortgage.	1 00
	Aug.	1.	Paid tax on Devise,	213 40
1885.	Feb.	6.	Paid for use of telephone,	50

Feb.	10.	Loaned Aaron Aldrich,	\$500 00
"	10.	Recording,	1 25
"	10.	Paid Brigham Morse, appraiser,	2 00
"	10.	" Robert Hannant "	2 00
"	10.	Discharging mortgage,	25
"	28.	" Agent for his services,	60 00

			\$1,030 40

NOTES DUE THE TOWN FEB. 28, 1885.

Date of Note.	Name.	Accrud Int.	Prin.
Dec. 2, 1854.	Joel Glover,	\$2 97	\$200 00
May 8, 1857.	Ira T. Robbins,	10 50	150 00
Nov. 23, 1859.	A. F. Brown,	38 08	500 00
Dec. 4, 1866.	Jas. Wixtead—Thos. Wixtead note,	35 00	200 00
Mar. 1, 1867.	John M. Putnam,	13 87	125 00
May 1, 1867.	Albert Whipple,	31 05	20 00
Oct. 16, 1867.	Potter M. Bates,	3 35	150 00
May 21, 1868.	Charles F. Rawson,	9 30	200 00
Feb. 21, 1869.	Simon P. Rawson,	60 83	500 00
Apr. 24, 1869.	O. N. Thurber,	18 80	300 00
June 17, 1869.	Chandler Titus,	7 52	340 00
Mar. 26, 1870.	Rufus P. Johnson,	22 27	400 00
Apr. 21, 1870.	James Wixtead,	46 30	200 00
" 1. 1871.	Margaret Stearns,	34 50	300 00
May 8, 1872.	William M. Putnam,	20 69	425 00
Aug. 21, 1872.	Patrick Dermody,	16 88	100 00
May 13, 1874.	T. H. Barton,	9 56	200 00
Oct. 19, 1874.	Chandler Titus,	6 01	135 00
" 24, 1874.	Lovel Southwick,	34 62	350 00
July 7, 1875.	James McCormick,	24 50	350 00
June 14, 1876.	Isaac Desotelle,	10 66	250 00
July 1, 1876.	Alvin H. Brown,	50 00	500 00
Apr. 21, 1877.	Amos A. Humes,	18 55	350 00
May 1, 1878.	Matilda Rivers,	20 00	400 00
June 19, 1878.	Philman Mercier,	20 92	500 00
Aug. 19, 1878.	Russell M. Peters,	22 95	250 00
Jan. 23, 1879.	Louisa Jarvis,	6 62	100 00
May 27, 1879.	Mary Briggs,	9 10	200 00
June 25, 1879.	Amable Signett,	16 33	400 00
July 7, 1879.	Michael Roberts,	19 42	500 00.

Apr. 19, 1880.	Phebe E. Johnson.	\$22 20	\$333 00
" 22, 1880.	Phebe Young,	25 67	500 00
Dec. 13, 1880.	Dema A. Allen.	18 21	250 00
Mar. 5, 1881.	S. H. Star,	5 92	100 00
July 22, 1881.	Mary J. Willis,	18 17	500 00
Abr. 22, 1882.	Mitchel Auger,	15 40	300 00
June 26, 1882.	Mary J. Murphy,	20 33	500 00
Jan. 8, 1879.	Mary E. Arnold,	6 00	50 00
June 4, 1883.	Joseph Lebeau,	11 08	250 00
Aug. 6, 1883.	Thomas M. Remington,	6 82	200 00
Sept. 5, 1883.	Vesta H. Balcome,	11 58	400 00
Oct. 1, 1883.	Demis Quinn,	10 00	400 00
Apr. 9, 1884.	Horace Batcheller,	12 08	250 00
Feb. 10, 1885.	Aaron Aldrich,	1 67	500 00
		<hr/> \$826 28	<hr/> \$13,128 00
Notes due the town Feb. 28, 1885.			\$13,128 00
Accrued interest, -	-	-	826 28
Cash in hands of Agent. -	-	-	1,094 30
Value of Devise. -	-	-	<hr/> \$15,048 58
Net gain for the year.	-	-	8538 33

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. F. JONES, Agent.

B. W. ALDRICH. Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TREASURER AND LIBRARIAN
OF THE
DOUGLAS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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1883.					
Mar.	4.	Cash in hands of Treas. as per last report,			\$6 88
"	4.	Received Dog Fund, of Town Treasurer,			207 84
June	1.	Received of Mrs. A. L. Buffing- ton, fines and catalogues,			9 38
Dec.	1.	Recd. of Librarian. fines,			3 00
1885.					
Feb.	1.	" " "			2 80— \$229 90
			CR.		
"	27.	Paid Estes & Lauriat, for 76 books,			\$92 61
"	27.	" express on books,			75
Apr.	26.	" interest on note to H. O. Lamson,			3 75
May	3.	" Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,			9 38
"	3.	" postage,			16
"	3.	" packing wood,			25
"	10.	" binding 4 books,			60
"	10.	" 23 "			5 75

May 10.	Paid	binding 23 books	\$6 90
" 10.	"	express on books,	1 20
June 1.	"	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38
Sept. 1.	"	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38
" 1.	"	Joseph Bowen, for steps in library,	1 50
Dec. 1.	"	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38
" 1.	"	for Treasurer's account and record book,	1 87
1885.			
Jan. 2.	"	S. Russell, blank book and mucilage for Librarian,	70
Feb. 28.	"	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38
" 28.	"	express on books,	25
" 28.	"	getting in wood,	25
Amoun paid out,			165 44
Mar. 1. Cash in hands of Treasurer,			§64 46

At a meeting of the Trustees, held Mar. 22, 1884, it was Voted that the Treasurer be requested to procure a record book and enter therein the several reports of the past Treasurers.

JOHN M. RAWSON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Whole no. of books in Free Public Library,	1,016
" " " issued from Mar. 26, 1884, to Mar. 1, 1885,	5,076
Average number of books issued per week,	105+
No. of books added to library during the year,	144
Amount of fines due from Mar. 26, 1884, to March 1, 1885,	\$9 53
Balance of fines due March 1, 1884,	11 06
Whole amount of fines due,	
Amount collected for fines,	§20 59
	\$18 53

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Received from sale of catalogues,	\$1 65
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Paid over to Treasurer,	\$15 18
Amount of fines collected,	<hr/> \$13 53
Balance of fines due March 1, 1885	<hr/> \$ 7 06

MRS. A. L. BUFFINGTON, Librarian.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT,

BIRTHS.

Number recorded in 1884,	-	-	50
males,	-	21	
females,	-	29—	50
Children of native parentage,	-	15	
" foreign parentage,		35—	50

MARRIAGES.

Number recorded in 1884,	-	-	21
Parties resident in Douglas	-	-	20
" " elsewhere,	-	22—	42
First marriage	-	-	33
Second "	-	-	8
Third "	-	-	1—
Average age of groom,	-	-	29
" " bride,	-	-	25½
Native born	-	29	
Foreign "	-	13—	42

DEATHS.

Number of deaths recorded in 1884,	-	-	42
" males,	-	22	
" females,	-	20—	42
Average age,	-	-	33½
Number persons 80 years and above	-	-	1
" " between 70 and 80,	-	-	3
" " " 60 and 70,	-	-	4

T. H. MEEK, Town Clerk,

LIST OF JURORS,

SELECTED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
TOWN, MARCH 16, 1885.

William Abbott.	John M. Rawson.
Stukely W. Potter.	Lucius S. Whipple.
Marcus M. Luther.	Suel Logee.
Wm. L. Church.	Joseph A. Richardson.
Edwin C. Esten.	Charles S. Caswell.
Aaron F. Jones.	George Abbott.
Arthur J. Dudley.	Edward B. Knapp.
George D. Adams.	Edwin Moore.
Andrew K. Richardson.	Elbridge A. Buxton.
Nelson Emmons.	Henry O. Lamson.
Noah H. Jones,	Reuben A. Place.
James M. Parker.	Marshall T. Potter.
John L. Somes.	Adolphus F. Brown.
Brigham Morse.	Isaac S. Balcome.
Francisco Bowen.	George E. Fairfield.

EDWIN MOORE, } Selectmen
GEO. H. WALKER, } of
ORRIN CHASE, } Douglas.

Douglas, March 4, 1885.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1885



PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLE R
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1885

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1884-85

CHARLES W. POTTER.	Term expires	March 1,	1885
F. H. BATCHELLER,	"	"	1885
N. W. PRESTON	"	"	1885
LEVI WHITE, M. D.	"	"	1886
EDWIN C. ESTEN,	"	"	1886
STILLMAN RUSSELL,	"	"	1886
REV. JAMES WELLS.	"	"	1877
C. S. CASWELL.	"	"	1877
EDWIN MOORE,	"	"	1877

Organized, { JAMES WELLS, Chairman.
F. H. BATCHELLER, Clerk.

JAMES WELLS,
S. RUSSELL,
N. W. PRESTON, (Spring)
C. S. CASWELL. } Superintending
Committee.

STILLMAN RUSSELL. Truant Officer.

TEACHERS :

A. H. K. BLOOD.	EUNICE B. BROWN
CHAS. S. CASWELL.	EMMA J. WILLIS.
ABBIE M. LAPHAM.	EMILY A. KING.
HENRY ABERCROMBIE.	ABBIE L. POTTER.
DORA S. RUSSELL.	GEORGIE E. HUMES
IDA M. JOHNSON.	EMMA J. JEFFERSON
MAY F. KIMBALL.	KATE L. SIMMONS.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1884, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	436
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,	475
Average daily attendance in all the schools,	300
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs of age,	10
" " " " over 15 " "	26
" " " " between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	374
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	99m. 15 days
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year,	8.32
Number of female teachers,	11
" male " "	3
Average wages paid female teachers per month,	\$31.40
" " " male " "	60 00
Appropriation for public schools, by the town, March, 1884,	\$3,900 00
Balance unexpended last year,	973 99
State School Fund,	182 84
Town School Fund, (interest,)	56 48
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Total,	\$5,113 31

EXPENSE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Teachers' wages,	\$3,592 00
Rent of high school room,	100 00
Supplies,	65 70

Books,	\$536 95
Fuel, care of rooms &c,	89 35
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Value of new books on hand,	\$4,384 00
	159 75
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Cost of schools for year 1884,	\$4,224 25
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Balance unexpended March 1885,	\$889 06

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teachers—
 { A. H. K. BLOOD, Spring Term.
 { C. S. CASWELL, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	\$20	\$15	\$15
Whole number of scholars,	33	40	35
Average attendance,	30	36	30
Total expense, \$741 35.			

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teachers,
 { C. S. CASWELL, Spring.
 { HENRY ABERCROMBIE, Fall.
 { KATE L. SIMMONS, Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$10	\$10	\$10
Whole number of scholars,	39	36	38
Average attendance,	35	34	29
Total expense, \$355 50.			

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Teacher, EMILY A. KING.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$9	\$9	\$9
Whole number of scholars,	41	35	30
Average attendance,	39	33	21
Total expense,	\$318 10.		

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Teacher, ABBIE L. POTTER.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	20	19	12
Average attendance,	18	12	9
Total expense,	\$244 01.		

SCHOOL NO. 3.

Teacher, DORA S. RUSSELL.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$6	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	38	40	43
Average attendance,	31	35	30
Total expense,	\$233 70.		

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Teacher, GEORGIE E. HUMES.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	15	19	21
Average attendance,	12	11	16
Total expense,	\$255 88.		

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Teacher, EMMA J. JEFFERSON.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	18	12	12
Average attendance,	10	7	10

Total expense, \$245 70.

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Teacher, ABBIE M. LAPHAM.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	\$7	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	21	20	18
Average attendance,	16	17	15

Total expense, \$285 26.

SCHOOL NO. 9,

Teachers { MAY F. KIMBALL, Primary.
 { EMMA J. WILLIS, Intermediate.

PRIMARY.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$6	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	53	49	42
Average attendance,	40	32	29

INTERMEDIATE.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	36	36	39
Average attendance,	33	31	33

Total expense, \$562 98.

SCHOOL NO. 10.

Teachers { IDA JOHNSON, Primary,
 { EUNICE B. BROWN, Intermediate.

PRIMARY.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$7	\$7	\$7
Whole number of scholars,	49	37	30
Average attendance,	31	30	20

INTERMEDIATE.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	11
Wages per week,	\$8	\$8	\$8
Whole number of scholars,	36	24	29
Average attendance,	27	27	25

Total expense, \$525.50.

PRIVATE FRENCH SCHOOL.

Teacher, H. M. LEGARE.

Number of scholars, 20. Tuition received, \$250 00

Length of school in weeks, 46.

GENERAL REMARKS.

—

Your committee deem it proper to begin their report by recording the very sudden and lamented death of their very acceptable chairman, N. W. Preston, by whose death, so early in the year, deprived them of his very efficient services. It is difficult to speak of the personal merits of teachers, or of the standing of particular schools, without making invidious comparisons. We believe our teachers have been as faithful and successful as

in former years ; and that our schools the present year, compare favorably with those of the previous year ; though we do not doubt but that, under more favorable circumstances, there would have been greater success. There are greater or less hindrances to complete success in most, if not all our schools ; and generally from those who should feel the deepest interest in their success. There is not that full and hearty co-operation on the part of some parents which there should be, and which is absolutely necessary for the greatest proficiency. Teachers are often blamed and censured for what the parents are most responsible. Children who are not regular in their attendance cannot make the progress they would if prompt and timely. And no one can do so much to promote punctuality and regularity in attending school as parents. It depends chiefly upon them. One committee says : "Nothing is working a greater evil than tardy and irregular attendance of some scholars." Another says : "From ample opportunity of observation we are convinced that, in a large majority of cases, truancy is a sure indication of bad management at home."

It is to be much regretted that there are some parents who neglect to avail themselves of the privileges which our Commonwealth has so wisely and so generously provided for the education of their children. And it is to protect itself against the evils which result from neglect, that our State legislators have enacted compulsory laws, of which, perhaps, some are ignorant.

Sec. 1, Chap. 47 says : "Every person having under his control a child between the ages of 8 and 14 shall annually cause such child to attend for at least 20 weeks some public school in the city or town in which he resides." "And for any neglect of such duty the person offending shall forfeit to use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not to exceed twenty dollars." "It is the policy of the Commonwealth to offer to every child the advantages of a good education. It is supposed that every parent will voluntarily accept this offer." "But if in any cases, the offer is not accepted, the school authorities must take advantage of our compulsory law." "Every child must be in school for at least 20 weeks of the year, from the time he is eight until he reaches the age of 14."

"It is the imperative duty of the truant officer of a town, acting under instructions from the school committees, to secure the attendance of all children between the ages of 8 and 14 upon some approved school, for at least 20 weeks in any year." We have quoted the above that no parents can plead ignorance of the law. It is also important for the highest prosperity

of our schools that rooms in which they are kept be not only comfortable and healthy but pleasant and inviting.

The most of our school houses are in good repair and have been newly seated. The school houses in Dists. No. 2 and 4 need new seats and some repairs for the greater comfort of teachers and scholars. No. 10 has been re-seated the present year, and No. 1 painted inside and furnished with new recitation seats and teacher's desk, No. 7 repaired and painted outside and painted inside. Our predecessors recommended the consolidation of the three intermediate schools in East Douglas into two. Instead thereof, a Grammar school has been established with two intermediate schools, which we think will meet a much felt want, and be a benefit to the High school.

It is a question with some whether sufficient attention is given in our schools to moral instruction. We believe the statutes of our Commonwealth, wisely declare : "It shall be the duty of all instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress upon the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice and a sacred regard to truth ; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence ; chastity, moderation and temperance ; and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which our republican constitution is founded."

And we would close with the language of another committee : "The influence of our schools, the influence of our homes, should be such as to inspire in the hearts of the young the love of all those virtues which adorn and embellish every walk in life, and establish in their deportment all those habits of diligence and punctuality, of undeviating truth and incorruptible honesty which are indispensable in every station in life."

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

BOOK REPORT.

Amount Expended for books,	\$536 95
Value of new books on hand,	159 75
Cost of books for year ending Mar. 1, '85,	\$377 20

NUMBER OF BOOKS IN USE.

		NEW.	IN USE.
C. S. Geographies,	-	-	47
Physical " "	-	2	2
Primary " "	-	4	51
U. S. Histories,	-	3	53
Smaller " "	-	-	38
Algebras,	-	1	13
Complete Arithmetic,	-	61	37
Brief Course " "	-	61	35
Primary " "	-	26	21
Fifth Readers,	-	5	38
Fourth " "	-	24	38
Third " "	-	19	28
Second " "	-	18	40
First " "	-	25	52
Spellers,	-	29	105
English Grammar,	-	8	18
Intro. "	-	15	34
Language,	-	6	8
Rhetoric,	-	-	15
Physiology,	-	1	20
Classics, (Readers)	-	-	63
Geometry,	-	-	12
Caesar,	-	-	5
Latin Grammar,	-	-	2
French " "	-	-	1
" Readers	-	-	2
Writing Books,	-	-	225
Splling Blanks,	-	-	23
Slates,	-	-	4
Dictionary,	-	-	1
First Year in Latin,	-	-	1
Com. Blanks,	-	-	54
Small Writing Books,	-	-	72



